The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was <u>not</u> written for publication and is <u>not</u> binding precedent of the Board.

## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte HELMUT WITTELER and AXEL SANNER

Application No. 10/070,758

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## ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on November 3, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

A review of the file indicates that on August 25, 2005, appellants filed a Reply Brief. There is no indication on the record that this paper was considered by the examiner.

Accordingly, it is

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ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner to:

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- (1) consider the Reply Brief;
- (2) provide written notification to appellants of said consideration;
- (3) have a complete copy of said consideration scanned into the record; and
- (4) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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